

Circuit Rider

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Welcome Center Hosts for April

April 2 Ted & Azzie Turner

April 9 Al & Sally Dixon

April 16 Janice Sanders

April 23 Ian & Sharon Hugh

April 30 Becky & Karleen Miller

Please let the office know if you cannot host on your assigned Sunday. Email rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com or call 623-939-409, option 2. Thank you!

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 am

Children go to their regular Sunday School classrooms; the Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30 am.

Children will hunt for eggs with coins, then turn in the coins for an Easter basket. Snacks will be in Fellowship Hall after the Egg Hunt.



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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am—3:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am (Lay-led Communion) • 9:00 am Worship • 11:11 am Worship
10:10 am Sunday School Classes for all ages

Rev. Kim Gladding, Senior Pastor

Summer Camp Opportunities

Summer camps are amazing experiences for spiritual growth and leadership development for children, youth, and adults! This coming year, we have a great variety of summer camp options being hosted at Mingus Mountain Methodist Camp and Retreat Center (outside of Prescott, AZ) and Potosi Pines Methodist Camp (outside of Las Vegas, NV). You can get more information, or register now, by visiting the camping website at www.dscamps.org.

Among our many options for camp this summer are several exciting and/or new opportunities. These include:

Younger Elementary Camps, for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, are offered at each camp site. At Potosi, campers get their first taste of what overnight camp without mom and dad will be like; at Mingus, parent(s) stay the nights with their child(ren), experiencing camp side-by-side with their little campers.

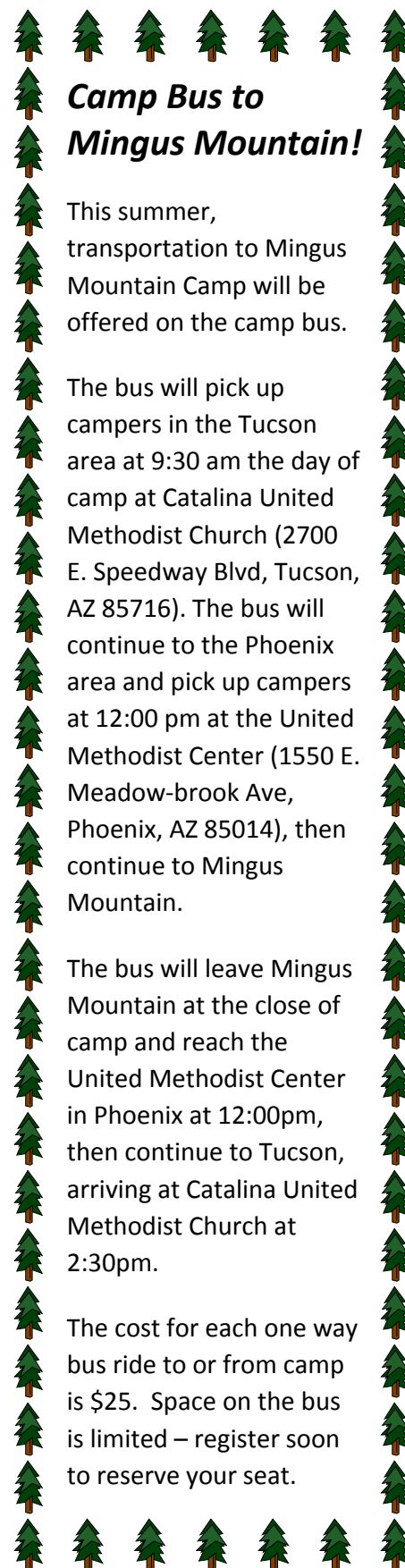
Senior High Leadership Camp is a new experience at Mingus Mountain this coming summer. A small camp of 14 youth will work with adults to learn and grow as leaders, integrating service with other children with lessons on leadership from the Disney Leadership Institute.

Adventure Camps, for both Middle and High School Youth, are back this summer at Potosi Pines. Over the course of these weeks, campers engage in hiking, cooking outdoors, and more!

Horse Camp (at Mingus) returns for its second year! Elementary and Middle School aged youth, entering grades 5 through 8, are invited to join us for a week of camp that includes introductions to horsemanship including horse care and riding.

Be sure to register early, as space may be limited. You can **register online** at www.dscamps.org or contact Dina Reid, our Camp Registrar, at dreid@dscumc.org or 602-266-6956, ext. 215.

A reminder to parents registering their kids for camp: please contact Rebecca in the church office before you register if you want the church to help with camp fees. Any questions, please call the church office 623-939-1409 or email rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com.



Camp Bus to Mingus Mountain!

This summer, transportation to Mingus Mountain Camp will be offered on the camp bus.

The bus will pick up campers in the Tucson area at 9:30 am the day of camp at Catalina United Methodist Church (2700 E. Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716). The bus will continue to the Phoenix area and pick up campers at 12:00 pm at the United Methodist Center (1550 E. Meadow-brook Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85014), then continue to Mingus Mountain.

The bus will leave Mingus Mountain at the close of camp and reach the United Methodist Center in Phoenix at 12:00pm, then continue to Tucson, arriving at Catalina United Methodist Church at 2:30pm.

The cost for each one way bus ride to or from camp is \$25. Space on the bus is limited – register soon to reserve your seat.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2: Fifth Sunday in Lent

"Don't Forget to Breathe..."

Luke 10:38-42

April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday

"The Attitude of Christ"

Matthew 21:1-11

Philippians 2:5-11

April 13: Maundy/Holy Thursday

Fellowship Hall – 7:00 pm

"Do This in Remembrance of Me..."

I Corinthians 11:23-26

(Holy Communion)

April 14: Good Friday

Sanctuary – 7:00 pm

"A Tenebrae Service"

John 18:1-19:42

April 16: Easter Sunday

"If You Were Raised From the Dead..."

Colossians 3:1-4

Morning Worship Schedule:

6:00 am Sunrise Service (Courtyard)

6:45 am Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 am Communion Service

(Fellowship Hall)

9:00 am Easter Celebration Worship

(Sanctuary)

11:11 am Easter Celebration Worship

(Sanctuary)

April 23: Second Sunday of Easter

"If Your Inheritance Was in Heaven..."

I Peter 1:3-9

April 30:

"If You Recognized Jesus in Your Midst..."

Luke 24:13-16, 28-32

Don't Forget to Breathe!

After two shoulder surgeries and progressive arthritis within my rotator cuff, my orthopedic surgeon informed me my shoulder was beyond repair. At first, I was depressed. But then I asked if there were any other possible treatments that might help minimize the pain. The doctor suggested a couple months of physical therapy. I agreed to give it a try. On the first day, the physical therapist had me doing a few stretches and strengthening exercises. It all seemed routine and easy. But then he had me lie down on a padded bench, so he could assess and stretch the muscles in my shoulder. At first, the manipulation was painless. But when he would move my arm into positions it was not willing to go he would smile and say, "Don't forget to breathe!" The pain was almost unbearable and my arm would literally bounce... and he would smile and say, "You're doing great!" Breathing became the greatest pain relief I could get during those stretching sessions, and after a few weeks of what seemed like torture, my shoulder pain lessened and my range of motion improved.

If taken it seriously, the season of Lent can be a painful time of self examination. In the small group study Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess, Tom Berlin reminds us that until we admit the sin (the messes) in our lives, we cannot experience forgiveness and restoration. Revealing the broken areas of our lives to God and one another may be painful, perhaps even frightening, but the outcome will be good for us and those we love. God will "stretch" us in some new and wonderful ways. Not unlike physical therapy, the success of what God is able to do in our lives will depend on us breathing in God's grace. This is Resurrection! Don't forget to breathe!

Stretching with you,



Church News and Notes

For more information, contact the church
office 623.939.1409 or
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Greeter Coordinator Needed

The church is in need of a new greeter coordinator. Our current coordinator, Kathy Epp, is taking on some new church responsibilities and would like to train another person for this job.

The coordinator recruits and assigns greeters for Sunday worship services (9:00 am and 11:11 am) monthly, and then lets the office know who will be greeting. The office will send out postcards at the beginning of each month to remind greeters of their assigned day.

Kathy took over the job from Margie Connell, who had coordinated the greeters for many years. This is an easy way to get involved and make a difference in our church!

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Procession
Sunday, April 9
9:00 A.M. & 11:11 A.M.

We need children to carry palms during the procession at both the 9am and 11:11am services.


Please be at the church in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 am and 10:55 am.



Fast Forward... Then Look Back

Imagine yourself 10 years into the future. As your future self, imagine yourself looking back to the previous decade. You can recall happy visits with an isolated elder, or perhaps fulfilling times grocery shopping with a middle-age person who can no longer see. You realize that your service as a Duet volunteer has led to some of the most enriching times of your life. Now – come back to the present. Please make these “memories” a reality by becoming a Duet volunteer! Call 602-274-5022 or visit www.duetaz.org to RSVP for an upcoming volunteer orientation or to request help. Thank you!

April 2017 Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 2 5th Sunday Lent 8:00 am Communion (FH) 9:00 am Worship (S) 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Worship (S) | 3 6:00 pm Trustees (FH-F) | 4 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH-F) 8:00 pm AA (B) | 5 12:00 pm Open Worship (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA (B) | 6 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 6:30 pm UMW (FH) | 7 10:00—11:30 am Lenten Study "Listen" (FH-F) 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal Time (S) | 1 Baking in am (FH) 6:00 pm AA (B) | |
| 9 Palm/Passion Sunday 8:00 am Communion (FH) 9:00 am Worship (S) 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Worship (S) | 10 6:30 pm Finance Team (L) | 11 9:30 am Esther Circle (FH-S) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00 pm AA (B) | 12 12:00 pm Open Worship (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA (B) | 13 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 7:00 pm Worship Service (FH) Lydia Circle? Reschedule? | 14 Good Friday 10:00 am Memoirs Class (101) 7:00 pm Worship Service (S) | 15 9:00 am—12:00 pm NEIGHBOR (FH) 1:00—2:30 pm Repub LD 30 meeting (FH-S) | |
| 16 Easter Sunday 6:00 am Sunrise Service 6:45-8:00 am Breakfast (FH) 8:00 am Communion (FH) 9:00 am Worship (S) 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Worship (S) | 17 6:30 pm SPRC (L) | 18 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts (FH-F) 8:00 pm AA (B) | 19 12:00 pm Open Worship (FH) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA (B) | 20 1:00 pm UMW Exec Board (FH) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 6:30 pm Missions Team (101) | 21 | 22 | |
| 23 7:00 am Men's Breakfast?? 8:00 am Communion (FH) 9:00 am Worship (S) 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Worship (S) | 24 6:00 pm Church Council (FH) | 25 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) 8:00 pm AA (B) | 26 12:00 pm Open Worship (FH) 5:00—7:00 pm Councilmember Jaime Aldama (FH-S) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm AA (B) | 27 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (B) | 28 | 29 2:00—4:00 pm Vesta Roper 90th Birthday Celebration (FH) | |
| 30 8:00 am Communion (FH) 9:00 am Worship (S) 10:10 Sunday School 11:11 am Worship (S) |  | | | | | Fellowship Hall = FH Center = FH-C Stage = FH-S Fireside Room = FH-F Legend: | Library = L Sanctuary = S Basement = B (#) = Room # |

Notes from Church Council

Last month, we briefly covered the nurture ministries in our church. Remember the acronym N.O.W.? “N” stood for nurture and our nurture ministries, such as worship, Sunday School, small group Bible studies, summer camp, and Vacation Bible School. These are some of the ways we learn to love God.

In the acronym N.O.W., O stands for Outreach. These ministries help us to love others. We have numerous outreach opportunities at our church! We support our Missions Team and the outreach opportunities they provide—serving meals at the UMOM Watkins Shelter and the annual Shoebox Christmas ministry. Our Riner Outreach Center helps people in our community with food and utility assistance. Your donations of food, clothing and money make a big difference for many families in Glendale and our neighboring communities. Another outreach ministry is our Wednesday Open Worship (WOW). This ministry provides a worship opportunity and a hot meal for folks in the middle of the week. Our Church & Society Team hosts monthly meetings with other agencies and non-profits (NEIGHBOR), coordinating available resources to help people and to encourage our government entities to partner with non-profits to make a difference. We pay our monthly apportionments to our conference and these dollars help support the global ministries of the United Methodist Church. We help support missionaries, universities and hospitals and provide disaster relief—we are the hands and feet of God when people need help. Meeting new people and giving a helping hand helps us follow God’s commandment to love others.



Our working outreach teams, Missions, Riner, WOW, Church & Society all need volunteers to do their important work. These teams meet monthly to plan their outreach programs but they need folks like you and me to help, too. Can you spare 2-3 hours on a Sunday afternoon to help cook a meal for 125 folks at the Watkins Shelter or a few hours to go to the shelter and serve the food we prepared? Can you come help make sandwiches on Tuesday or Thursday for the Riner Center, or help put groceries away in the food pantry? Our Wednesday Open Worship needs help with meal preparation. Or perhaps you’d like to join the NEIGHBOR group working with others to try to help the less fortunate in our community.

We need people willing to give their time and talents to make a difference for others. Maybe you’d like to participate in a work day at a local food bank; maybe we could put a team together to help paint a house in an older neighborhood when Glendale celebrates “Make a Difference” Day. Where can we include you in our efforts to help others? Contact Pastor Kim, Gail Dameron, Shelley Mosley, Paul Cleaveland or Rosie Miller if you want to get involved in the outreach ministries of our church.



The poster features a light blue background with two dark blue hibiscus flowers in the top corners. The text 'UNITED METHODIST WOMEN' is in green, and 'Spring Luncheon' is in large pink letters. The date and time are in green: 'SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017 12:30 P.M.'. Ticket information is in dark blue and purple. The bottom of the poster has illustrations of palm trees, colorful tiki masks, and a ukulele.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Spring Luncheon

SATURDAY
MAY 6, 2017
12:30 P.M.

Tickets will be on sale
April 9
April 23
April 30

Tickets are
\$10 adults
\$5 children (12 and under)

Small Group Opportunity at Glencroft

Pastor Kim and Genny Riner host a small group every Thursday at 2:00 pm on the second floor lounge in the South Tower of Glencroft. All are welcome at this bible/book study. If you want to know more, contact the office at 623-939-1409, or see Pastor Kim or Genny Riner.



**Invitation to Vesta Roper's 90th Birthday Celebration
Saturday, April 29th , 2:00—4:00 pm**

The family of Vesta Roper wants to give an open invitation to her church family to join us for a celebration of her 90th birthday on Saturday, April 29th. There is an open reception for you to come anytime between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. No RSVP is needed and she requests no gifts.



Vesta came with her family to Glendale from Kansas when she was one year old. Her grandfather was a Methodist pastor and her family started attending this church the first Sunday they were here. Vesta has been a part of this church ever since. Her church family is a very important part of her life, and we hope you can share your love and appreciation for her at this special celebration.

Deadline for the May issue is April 17. Your items for the newsletter should be submitted to the church office by 3:00 pm. email: rebecca@glendalefirstumc.com fax: 623.236.9284

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